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SUBJECT: U.S./EUROPEAN RELATIONS: REACTION TO

SECRETARY'S MARCH 21 PRESS CONFERENCE

BEGIN SUMMARY: ALL MARCH 22 MAJOR GERMAN PAPERS REPORT THAT SECRETARY WILL MAKE STOPOVER IN BONN SUNDAY ON HIS WAY TO MOSCOW. ALL PAPERS ALSO CARRY REPORTS ON SECRETARY'S MARCH 21 PRESS CONFERENCE, EMPHASIZING HIS STATEMENT THAT U.S. DOES NOT SEEK TUTELAGE OVER EUROPE AND THAT ATLANTIC ALLIANCE WILL NOT BE SACRIFICED, YET CONTINUED U.S. DISSATISFACTION WITH EC CONSULTATION PRACTICE. END SUMMARY

1. STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG NOTED SECRETARY'S REJECTION OF EC "DOCTRINAL, LEGALISTIC" APPROACH AND "INSISTENCE ON THE REALITY OF LINKAGE BETWEEN U.S. SECURITY GUARANTEE AND POLITICO-ECONOMIC ISSUES."

2. JAN REIFENBERG, IN THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE, REPORTED SECRETARY'S POINT THAT PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EUROPE IS DEPENDENT ON POSITIVE EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO U.S. PLANS FOR REDEFINING ATLANTIC RELATIONS. FAZ ALSO NOTES AMERICAN REJECTION OF "EXPRESSIONS OF EUROPEAN SELF-ASSURANCE IN THE FORM OF HOSTILITY TOWARD U.S."

3. BONN GENERAL-ANZEIGER CARRIES LONG OPINION PIECE BY ERICH HAUSER (FROM BRUSSELS) ENTITLED "KISSINGER AND THE UNDEPENDABILITY OF THE WEST EUROPEANS." HAUSER'S MAIN CONTENTION IS THAT SECRETARY'S IRRITATION WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY STEMS FROM LACK OF AUTHORITATIVE HIGH-LEVEL SPOKESMAN THAT CAN REPRESENT AND NEGOTIATE OVER EC INTERESTS AND "THUS FIT INTO U.S. GLOBAL POWER PLAY AS A MORE OR LESS CONSTANT FACTOR." HAUSER CONCLUDES: "INSTEAD HE HAS TO DEAL WITH NINE GOVERNMENTS, WHICH SOMETIMES AGREE, SOMETIMES GO OFF IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS, AND CONSTANTLY FORM, WITHIN THEIR OWN RANKS, NEW CONSTELLATIONS. BECAUSE OF THE EUROPEANS' 'UNDEPENDABILITY,' KISSINGER PRESSES EVEN HARDER HIS WISHES FOR THE U.S. TO LEAD THE PACK, AND AS HE REPEATS HIS INSISTENCE HE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE TO EUROPE OF AMERICA'S POTENTIAL ATOMIC PROTECTION...THE NINE WOULD LIKE, BEFORE BRINGING WASHINGTON INTO THEIR DIS-

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CUSSIONS, AT LEAST FIRST TO MANAGE TO AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES - AND AT LEAST TO AGREE REGARDING ONE NEXT STEP IN A GIVEN SITUATION...THIS THEN IS THE BACKGROUND AGAINST WHICH KISSINGER HAS BEEN PROCLAIMING, PRACTICALLY EVERY DAY SINCE MARCH 4, HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY."

4. IN SEPARATE GENERAL-ANZEIGER ARTICLE, EMIL BOELTE

WRITES OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:
"MOSCOW IS OBSERVING NOT WITHOUT FASCINATION THE
AMERICAN-EUROPEAN CONTROVERSY...BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN
CONGRESS, KISSINGER A FEW DAYS AGO - SO IT IS HEARD -
FOR THE FIRST TIME REFLECTED UNCERTAINTY AS TO SOVIET
INTENTIONS. HE SAID IT COULD BE THAT THE KREMLIN,
EMBOLDENED BY WATERGATE, IS GIVING UP DETENTE AND
EMBARKING ON A MORE VENTURESOME POLITICAL COURSE...
AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, KISSINGER WILL BE TESTING
BREZHNEV."
HILLENBRAND

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